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Remarks

The Examiner asserts that the present application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species I, II, III, and IV. The Examiner further asserts that the amended claims contain features from Species I and II.

Applicant herewith elects species II for prosecution on the merits without traverse. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 2, 4, 11-14, 20-25, and 27 read on the elected species.

Referring to Claim 1, by way of example, Figures 3-6 depict all of the features of claim one, including "a plurality of hair bundles each comprising a number of parallel hairs, each hair bundle having a free and a bound end" which are depicted by at least items 3' and 3" in the figures. Figures 3-6 depict "elongated weaving band comprising two elongated strips, wherein each strip is connected to the bound end of one or more hair bundles, wherein each strip further comprises one or more weaving elements and wherein hairs of the one or more hair bundles are interconnected individually or in groups with the weaving elements of the strips" which are depicted by at least items 2' and 2" in the figures. Figures 3-6 depict "elongated weaving band comprising two elongated strips, wherein each strip is connected to the bound end of one or more hair bundles, wherein each strip further comprises one or more weaving elements and wherein hairs of the one or more hair bundles are interconnected individually or in groups with the weaving elements of the strips." Items 4' and 4" are connection openings configured to accept basic hair. Figures 3-6 also depict "connection elements connecting the two strips provided at regular intervals" which are depicted by at least item 12 in the figures. Thus, all of the features of Claim 1 are included in Figures 3-6 and the disclosure relating thereto.

Similarly, all of the features of Claims 2, 4, 11-14, 20-25, and 27 are found in Figures 3-6 and the related disclosure. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all features of Claims 1, 2, 4, 11-14, 20-25, and 27 find support in Figures 3-6 and the related disclosure.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to the restriction requirement and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if an issue requires clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve any such issue promptly.

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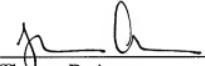
If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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